

What's Going On?

Citizen Survey Results are In

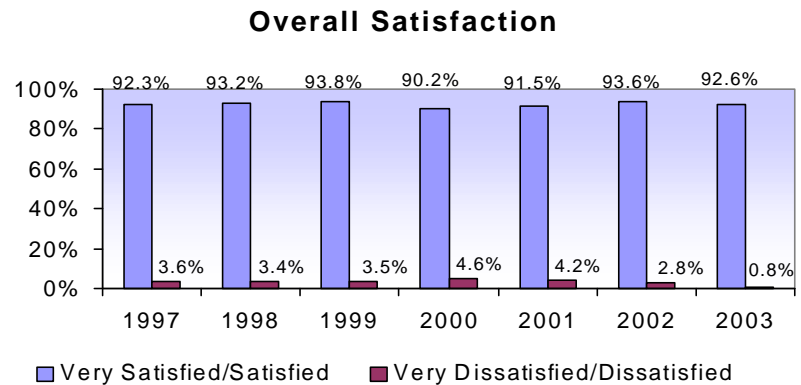
For the seventh consecutive year, the City has conducted the annual Citizen Survey. The City contract with a national research firm to conduct the telephone survey and compile the results.

This year's survey included 500 respondents. Of these respondents, 41% were males, 29% were college students at either Blinn or Texas A&M, 62% were home owners, and 36% were between the ages of 18

and 29.

The survey results indicated that the overall satisfaction rating with City services decline only slightly from the 2002 satisfaction rating. In the area of public safety, 90% of respondents indicated that they felt safe or extremely safe in College Station. Additionally, 97% respondents rate the service provided by the College Station Fire Department as being either good or excellent.

However, the survey in-



icates that the overall satisfaction with street maintenance has declined by 13% from last year. Respondents cited several reasons for their dissatisfaction including "a lot of potholes and dips not repaired well/badly patched",

"surface is rippled, bumpy, and uneven", and "need more turn lanes". These are verbatim statements made by the survey respondents.

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Coming Soon: Sunday Library Hours

For the past several years, there has been considerable interest in having access to the public library on Sunday. The local library board has been strongly in favor of increasing the hours of operation for the City's library.

Originally, efforts to pursue this initiative were not successful, due

to scarcity of resources. However, after careful review by City staff and the Community Librarian the determination was made that expanding the operation hours of the Library to include Sunday hours of 1:30pm to 5:30pm is possible. In fact, this operations expansion is being accomplished without addi-

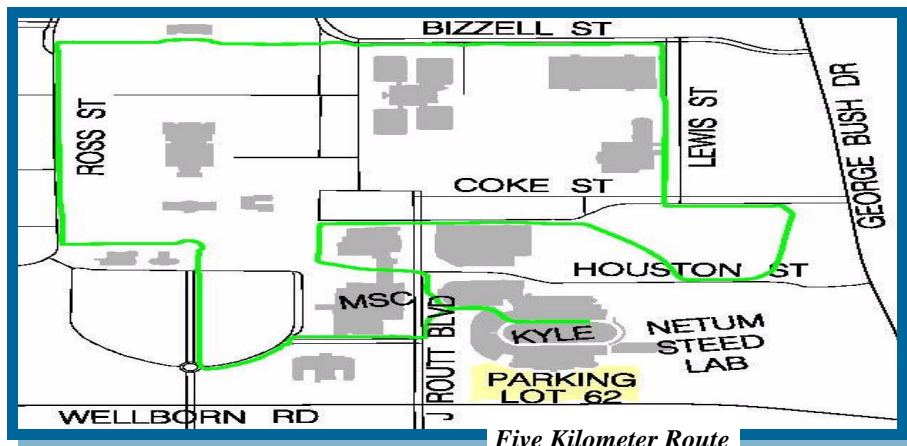
tional resource allocation.

Hence, no increase in the library budget for the City will be needed to add local library services on Sunday. The library in Bryan has the same Sunday hours. The Community Librarian will set a date in the fall to begin the new schedule.

Coach Fran Charities to Benefit the Lincoln Center

Coach Fran Charities is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization provides support for children with special needs and other charitable causes. This organization was founded by Coach Dennis and Kim Franchione and has its primary emphasis on supporting after-school programs in reading and literacy, life skills, and the arts.

Coach Fran Charities has partnered with First American Bank, Pepsi, KBTX, WTAW, The Zone Sports Radio, Candy 95.1, Newman Printing Company, Texas Commercial Waste, C.C. Creation, Anco Insurance, Central Texas Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics, and the Hilton of College Station to sponsor a 5 kilometer run/walk. This benefit is scheduled for August 16, 2003 at 8:30am (run) and 8:45am (walk). The proceeds from this event will go to help the College Station Lincoln Center, a Bra-



zos Valley Boys and Girls Club Unit. Race participants will receive free admittance to "The Zone" to watch closed Aggie football practice. Door prizes will also be given away to participants.

Registration for this 5 kilometer run/walk can be done online at www.coachfran.com or registration forms may be picked up at any First American Bank location.

College Station Utilities Receives Recognition for Excellence in Wastewater Treatment

College Station Utilities recently received national recognition for outstanding performance of its wastewater treatment plants.

The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) recognized both of College Station's wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance in 2002. The Lick Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant received a Gold Award and the Carter's Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant received a Silver Award for Peak Performance. AMSA's Peak Performance Awards

program recognizes member agency facilities for excellence in wastewater treatment as measured by their compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.



College Station Urges Residents to Waterwise

College Station encourages all of its customers to be WaterWise and use water efficiently. Summertime water usage can be two to three times higher than wintertime water usage. However, there are some steps that we all can take to make sure that we use our precious water resources efficiently.

For landscape watering, aim to apply about an inch of water a week, including

rainfall. Water thoroughly enough to deeply soak the soil, but don't allow the water to run off into the gutter or street. Make sure sprinklers only water grass and plants, not the sidewalk, driveway, or street. The practice of deep, infrequent watering encourages plants to develop deep root systems that can better withstand drought. Always, try to avoid outside wa-

tering during the heat of the day. As much as 60% of water applied during the heat of the day is lost to evaporation.

Indoors, you can replace old showerheads with new water-efficient showerheads that use 2.5 gallons of water or less per minute. This one step can save a family of four over 7,000 gallons of water each year!

Longmire Extension is Underway

Longmire street extension project is well underway. This project will take place in a total of 2 phases. The first phase, which is now under construction, will extend Longmire from Birmingham and Graham. The second phase will extend Longmire to Cypress Meadows.

This total cost of the extension project is estimated to be \$2,899,000. Dudley Construction was the low bidder for phase 1 of this project and was issued the notice to proceed in mid-May. Phase 1 is expected to be complete in December 2003 at a cost of \$455,000. Phase

2 will extend Longmire from Graham to Cypress Meadows, with an estimate cost of \$2.4 million. Completion of this final is expected in

February 2006. The purpose of this project is to enhance north-south mobility within the City.

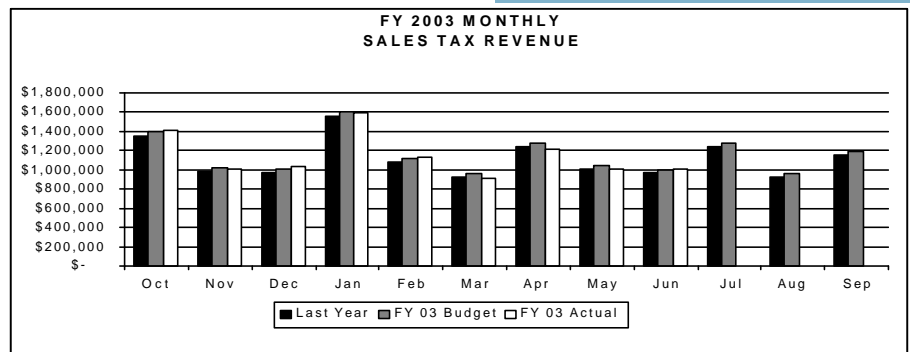


Local Sales Tax Receipts

The City collected **\$1,008,968.79** for the month of June, **4.28%** above the same month last year. The June receipts are for sales that occurred in May. Sales tax collections for FY 03 YTD are **\$10,335,436.94** or **2.37%** above FY 02 collections.

Sales tax receipts are lower than the same month last year. Sales tax receipts have increased by 2.05% when comparing the last 12 months to the previous 12 months.

This is positive given the overall statewide decline in sales tax revenues.



Sales tax projections for next year have been lowered to 2% growth given the current trend.

Over the last 8 years sales tax growth has averaged 6% per year. In FY 03 sales tax

is projected to grow by less than 3%. These projections will be closely reviewed given the statewide decline in sales tax revenues.

Tarrow Street Rehabilitation

Currently, underway is a project to rehabilitate Tarrow Street from University Drive to Lincoln. This project involved removing the current asphalt pavement and replacing it with a concrete roadway.

In order to minimize obstructions to traffic flow for residents in the areas, this rehab

project was split into phases. The section of Tarrow from University to Preston has been re-paved and is open to traffic, while the remaining portion is still under construction.

The total cost of this project is estimated to \$464,000 and project completion is expected for October 2003.



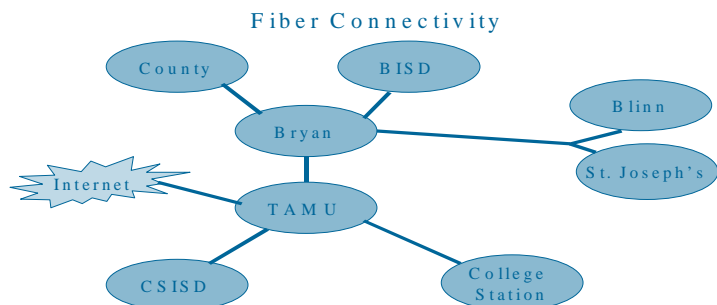
BVC NET is Making Progress

The City has been actively involved in the creation of the Brazos Valley Community Network (BVC Net).

The purpose of the BVC Net is to provide a fiber optic backbone for the community, provide computer access to the underserved, and create a community web portal. To this end, the BVC Net will connect several local entities (as seen in the diagram). Additionally, the BVC Net has been responsible for disseminating 57 computers throughout the community via organizations like the Barbara Bush Parenting Center, Windsor Point Apartments, and Boys' and Girls' Club. Furthermore, the BVC Net web portal is under construction with the first phase being completed. This portal will be a supplement to the websites of the local entities and provide user with a glimpse into the community.

Once completed, the BVC Net will provide secure Virtual Private Networks, video, and distance learning capacities between the partners. Additionally, this network will open the door to number operational improvements for those involved. Among these potential improvements are the synchronization of area traffic signals, joint Parks' registration software for the 2 cities, and the sharing of GIS data.

Through BVC Net, City staff is now able to share data directly with Bryan. The two Police departments will be using this connection (2



networks communicating with one another) to view Police information in the two Police systems. The connection to the County is the next step and staff is actively pursuing an interlocal agreement that would allow College Station Police to use the County's booking system, which would include mug-shots and live-scan fingerprinting. In the near future City staff will be bringing this ILA and a purchase request (for hardware) to the Council.

Police Department Annual Report

The College Station Police Department recently completed their 2002 Annual Report. This report is distributed to all police department employees and select city officials to be used as an information and reference guide. The annual report includes an overview of significant events that occurred during the calendar year including major criminal cases.

Also included in the report is a summary of each bureau, unit and division within the police department. CSPD is divided into two bureaus, the Operations Bureau and the Services Bureau. The Operations Bureau is composed of two major units, the Uniformed Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. The department's SWAT Unit and Hostage Negotiations Team also operate directly within this bureau and are composed of sworn personnel from any of the divisions of the department. These officers serve as a "part-time, on call" unit to respond to situations requiring qualifications and skills that are outside those of the average patrol officer. This bureau also includes a bicycle patrol section that performs regular patrol duties on bicycles. The Services Bureau is responsible for emergency communications, central records and information services, public informa-

tion, recruiting and training, fleet maintenance, and other services without which a police agency could not operate. Also included in this bureau is the crime prevention/community relations section, the school resource officer section, school crossing guards, DARE officers, animal control officers, noise abatement/alarm coordinator, crime analyst and the department's holding facility.

The "General Statistics" section of the report is a major source of information for police officials throughout the year. In the ten years from 1993 through 2002, the demand for police services, as measured by Calls for Service, has increased by 32%, while City's population increased by 21%. Calls for Ser-

vice do not include: issuing traffic citations, security checks of homes or businesses, giving directions or answering questions, or conducting special programs.

The Annual Report also reviews the statistical data regarding criminal active. As the chart above indicates, there were some increases in major crime, which are reported in accordance with the Texas Penal Code which includes both Felony and Misdemeanor crimes under Texas Law. The table compares the number of reported Major Offenses in 2001 and 2002.

Finally, the report contains information regarding employees who were hired, employees who promoted, and employees who resigned or were terminated. During 2002, 28 new employees were hired, including 9 sworn officers.

Offense	2001 Reports	2002 Reports	% Change (+ or -)
Murder	1	2	50 %
Sexual Assault (Rape)	33	39	15 %
Robbery	16	14	-14 %
Aggravated Assault	34	68	50 %
Burglary	1063	1308	19 %
Theft	1330	1500	11 %
Vehicle Theft	84	98	14 %
Total Major Crimes Reported	2561	3029	15 %

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Shining Moments

- The City's Development Services Department was recently nominated for and received an award from the Central section of the Texas American Planning Association. Development Services received the Professional Planning Award for **Bikeway and Pedestrian Master Plan**. Now the award is automatically submitted for the same award at the statewide level.*
- Matt Mueller with the City of Edmondton, Oklahoma called to say that, in developing a drought plan for Edmondton, they looked to College Station's plan as a model and found it very helpful, especially our watering schedule (once every 5 days, instead of every other day, as most cities do).*
- Mr. Sonerscu write the City to alert the City of some conflicting speed limit signage in the Pebble Creek Subdivision. Mr. Sonerscu also indicated that the caliber of city services is second to none. He commended all of City staff for the outstanding work done on a daily basis.*

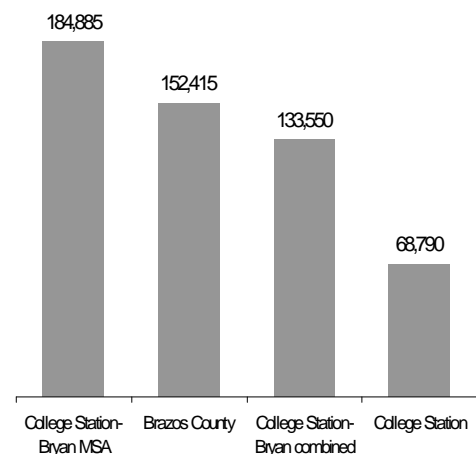
College Station Growth Exceeds Bryan

The Bryan-College Station Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is now known as the College Station-Bryan MSA. Last month, the federal Office of Management and Budget issued Bulletin No. 03-04, which revised definitions of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, introduced new definitions of Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Combined Statistical Areas, and provided guidance on uses of the statistical definitions of these areas. This change reflects that College Station now has a larger population than its sister city, Bryan. Historically, College Station has been considerably smaller than Bryan; however, continued expansion of the Texas A&M Research Park and the College Station Business Park among other things have fueled a 3% annual average population growth since 1990. According to Census 2000, College Station had 67,890 persons and Bryan had 65,660 persons. As of January 1, 2003, the current

population estimates were 76,185 and 69,033, respectively. The College Station-Bryan MSA also encompasses more than Brazos County. For the first time, Burleson (Caldwell) and Robertson (Franklin) counties are included. According to the bulletin definition, MSA's have at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population and adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. According to Census 2000, the new College Station-Bryan MSA has nearly 185,000 people. The current population estimate for the City of College Station is generally developed based on permits issued for new dwelling units, multiplied by persons per household and an occupancy rate provided by the U.S. Census. The tables used by the Long Range Planning Division are regularly reviewed and adjusted when necessary to keep estimates as accurate as possible. The current

population estimate for College Station for the end of June 2003 is 78,391.

Regional Population Comparison, Census 2000



City to Host Pedestrian Safety Workshop

The City's Neighborhood Services Office will host a Pedestrian Safety Workshop on August 1 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Northgate. The Pedestrian Safety Workshop is a nationally recognized community workshop

designed to mobilize the resources necessary to make the community a safer and more attractive place to walk. During the workshop, participants will learn how good walking conditions minimize risk and create healthier people.

This year's workshop participants will be treated to a kolache breakfast and a BBQ lunch.